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SUBJECT: U.S.-EURATOM NOTE

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 12258, (B) BRUSSELS 12348

1. CONTRARY TO WHAT BRUNNER'S STAFF HAS BEEN TELLING US
(REFS A AND B), COMMISSIONER BRUNNER HAS DECIDED TO REJECT
"SHORT" VERSION OF NOTE ON RENEGOTIATION OF U.S.-EURATOM
AGREEMENTS AND PROPOSE TO COREPER JUNE 29 A LONGER TEXT
WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE UNITED
STATES NOTES NR. 19 OF OCTOBER 17, 1977 AND NR. 6 OF
MARCH 28, 1978, AND TO THE COMMISSION NOTE OF DECEMBER 7,
1977, REGARDING THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES THAT
EURATOM AGREE THAT IT WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION ON ITS
AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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THE EC IS READY TO OPEN A DISCUSSION ON THE US/EURATOM
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT:

- THE AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A DISCUSSION WOULD IN NO
WAY PREJUDICE THE COMMUNITY POSITION AS TO ITS OUTCOME;

- THE POINTS COVERED BY INFCE WOULD BE INCLUDED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF INFCE AND THAT THE RESULTS OF THAT EXERCISE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT;

- THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON MARKET FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED;

- THE DISCUSSION, FOR ITS FULL DURATION, WOULD NOT HAMPER CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN EURATOM AND THE US UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING CONTRACTS AND DELIVERIES.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE COMMUNITY RECALLS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE ORGANISING CONFERENCE OF INFCE: "THE EVALUATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A SPIRIT OF OBJECTIVITY, WITH MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH COUNTRY'S CHOICES AND DECISIONS IN THIS FIELD, WITHOUT JEOPARDISING THEIR RESPECTIVE FUEL CYCLE POLICIES OR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY PROVIDED THAT AGREED SAFEGUARDS MEASURES ARE APPLIED".

THE COMMISSION AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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3. UPON RECEIPT THIS TEXT I CALLED BRUNNER AND TOLD HIM I WAS SURPRISED GIVEN WHAT HIS STAFF HAD TOLD MORRIS (HE SAID HE HAD PERHAPS NOT ADEQUATELY CONVEYED HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS STAFF) AND, MORE IMPORTANT, THAT I WAS CONCERNED THAT THIS TEXT INTRODUCED RISK OF FURTHER DELAY. BRUNNER REPLIED THAT HE FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT THE SUPPLEMENTARY LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR COMMON MARKET AND CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS. HE SAID HE HAS CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH PERMREPS (INCLUDING FRENCH WHO PREFER LONGER TEXT), AND HE ANTICIPATES COREPER WILL READILY ACCEPT ABOVE TEXT. HE HOPES THAT LANGUAGE WILL CAUSE NO PROBLEMS FOR U.S. AND THAT WE CAN REACH QUICK AGREEMENT ON IT TO PERMIT FORMAL DELIVERY OF NOTE NEXT WEEK. I SAID I SHARED HIS HOPE BUT COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE WITHOUT NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REACTION ASAP TO REVISED TEXT QUOTED ABOVE. HINTON

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